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SUBJECT: CARAMANLIS CABINET RESIGNS -- CARETAKER
GOVERNMENT TOMORROW

1. ATHENS RADIO AFTERNOON BROADCAST OCTOBER 8 ANNOUNCED THAT PM CARAMANLIS ACCEPTED RESIGNATIONS OF CABINET MINISTERS AT 1330 HOURS TODAY AND WOULD SWEAR IN CARETAKER GOVERNMENT AT 1100 HOURS OCTOBER 9. ANNOUNCEMENT SPECIFIED THAT CARAMANLIS WOULD CONTINUE AS PREMIER IN CARETAKER GOVERNMENT. FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS, MINISTER OF DEFENSE AVEROFF, MINISTER OF COORDINATION ZOLOTAS, MINED LOUROS, MIN PUBLIC ORDER SOLON GHIKAS, UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE KATSADEMAS, UNDER SECRETARY OF COORDINATION DEVLETGLOU, AND UNDER SECRETARY OF MFA BITSIOS ACCEPTED PM'S REQUEST TO REMAIN IN NEW CABINET. MINISTERS ZOLOTAS, LOUROS AND GHIKAS WOULD REMAIN BECAUSE THEY DID NOT INTEND TO RUN FOR DEPUTY.

2. IN FINAL CABINET SESSION CARAMANLIS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO RESIGNING MINISTERS FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND FOR THEIR PART IN HISTORIC MISSION OF RESTORING DEMOCRACY TO GREECE. EACH MINISTER REPLIED
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BRIEFLY INDICATING GRATITUDE TO PM FOR OPPORTUNITY TO

SERVE NATION ON THIS OCCASION. AS REPORTED EARLIER,
RESIGNATION OF CABINET MINISTERS THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO
ELECTIONS IS LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT TO ENABLE MINISTERS
TO RUN AS DEPUTIES; EXCEPTIONS PRESUMABLY WILL BE MADE IN
CASES OF CARAMANLIS, MAVROS, AND AVEROFF AS WELL AS UNDER
SECRETARIES IF LATTER WISH TO ENTER PARLIAMENT.
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